## ABSTRACT

A CD player, including a CD drive, which receives a CD and reads compressed digital audio data recorded thereon, and an integrated circuit chip, which decompresses the compressed data and produces a non-compressed audio output. Preferably, the data are compressed by MPEG compression, most preferably by MPEG Layer-3 compression, so that the data are compressed approximately 12-fold, and the CD contains over 800 minutes of high-quality stereo sound recording.